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Schools to Get \$10,000 Red Spy Paid Lawyer

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (AP) —

A Manhattan attorney appointed by a Federal court to defend a Soviet spy said today he was donating his \$10,000 fee to three American universities.

The attorney, James B. Donovan, represented Col. Rudolf Abel, charged with being chief of the Russian espionage network in the United States. Abel, who was convicted, is appealing the case. The fee was received from his family in Europe.

Mr. Donovan said he was giving \$5,000 to Fordham University and \$2,500 to the Harvard Law School, both of which he attended, and \$2,500 to Columbia Law School, which two of his court-appointed assistants in the case attended.

The lawyer said Abel had agreed to a fee of \$10,000 and that Abel's family had sent it via East Germany.

United States District Judge

Matthew T. Abruzzo in Brooklyn signed an order today permitting Mr. Donovan to accept the fee and to donate it to the schools.

"There is more to practicing law than making money," Mr. Donovan said.

Mr. Donovan had announced on accepting the case that he would keep any fee received. In making the donations he said:

"It is my belief that in a land of plenty such as the United States the most effective means of combating totalitarianism lies in the furtherance of sound moral training and a thorough understanding of justice under law. In that belief, I am donating the \$10,000 to these three universities."

Abel was convicted in 1957 and was sentenced to 30 years. An appeal pending before the United States Supreme Court is to be argued November 9.